

Memorandum

To: CHAIR AND COMMISSIONERS

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Action Item

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Ref: **RENEWAL OF THE DELEGATION OF PROJECT ALLOCATION AUTHORITY FOR
STATE HIGHWAY OPERATIONS AND PROTECTION PROGRAM (SHOPP) PAVEMENT
REHABILITATION AND SAFETY PROJECTS, RESOLUTION G-03- , REPLACING
RESOLUTION G-01-10**

ISSUE:

Resolution G-01-10, approved on March 28, 2001, by the California Transportation Commission (Commission), delegates authority to the Department of Transportation (Department) for allocation of funds for programmed State Highway Operations Protection Program (SHOPP) safety and pavement rehabilitation projects. Section 2.6 of the Resolution indicates that the delegation authority expires on March 31, 2003. This item requests that the Commission approve a new Resolution to make the delegation authority permanent.

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends that the Commission approve a new Resolution extending the delegation authority to the Department on a permanent basis. Adoption of this Resolution does not alter the Commission's action taken in January 2003 to suspend delegations. While that suspension included allocations for pavement rehabilitation projects, it did not suspend the delegation for allocation of programmed safety projects. Approval of this Resolution allows the Department to continue to make allocations for safety projects, but does not change the suspension for the pavement rehabilitation projects. Delegated allocation authority for the pavement rehabilitation projects would still be contingent upon the Commission's rescission of the delegation suspension.

BACKGROUND:

In 1999, the Commission delegated authority to the Department for allocation of programmed SHOPP pavement rehabilitation projects. The delegation was intended as a trial to demonstrate if this action would streamline and accelerate delivery of pavement rehabilitation projects. The delegation was for one year and excluded projects requiring an allocation greater than 120 percent of its programmed amount or those later amended into the SHOPP. The trial was successful and in March 2000, the Commission extended the delegation for another year. In March 2001, the Commission extended the delegation for two more years and included authority for programmed

SHOPP safety projects. The delegation continues to demonstrate benefit to the traveling public by streamlining and accelerating the construction of these safety and pavement rehabilitation projects.

The Department is recommending approval of a new Resolution to extend the delegation authority indefinitely and make the authority permanent. The requirements and limitations contained in Resolution G-01-10 would continue under the new Resolution. The Department will continue to provide a report at each Commission meeting on allocations made since the prior meeting. The Department would also continue to bring to the Commission for vote all projects that have been amended into the SHOPP or have an estimate of cost greater than 120 percent of the programmed amount.

Approval of this Resolution will allow the Department to continue the current practice of allocating funds to safety projects. Delegation authority for the pavement rehabilitation projects will be contingent on the Commission's repeal or adjustment of the January 2003 suspension.

CALIFORNIA TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

**Delegation of Project Allocation Authority to
the Department of Transportation for
State Highway Operations and Protection Program (SHOPP)
Pavement Rehabilitation and Safety Projects**

**Resolution G-03-____
Replacing Resolution G-01-10**

- 1.1 WHEREAS, the California Transportation Commission (Commission), pursuant to Streets and Highways Code Section 14533 and General Provision Number 7 of the Government Code, is authorized to allocate funds for transportation projects and to delegate such authority to the Department of Transportation (Department); and
- 1.2 WHEREAS, the Commission recognizes the importance of being able to accelerate the implementation of projects programmed in the State Highway Operation and Protection Program (SHOPP) to rehabilitate pavement on the State highways; and
- 1.3 WHEREAS, the Commission has already recognized that program requirements have been met though the SHOPP programming process; and
- 1.4 WHEREAS, the Commission must allocate funds for each of these projects; and
- 1.5 WHEREAS, delegation of allocation authority to the Department would streamline and accelerate the construction of State highway pavement rehabilitation projects; and
- 1.6 WHEREAS, on March 30, 2000, the Commission approved a one-year trial period, until March 31, 2001, authorizing the Department to allocate funds for State highway pavement rehabilitation projects; and
- 1.7 WHEREAS, delegating allocation authority to the Department for highway pavement rehabilitation projects has been beneficial to the traveling public by speeding up the process in awarding projects; and
- 1.8 WHEREAS, recognizing the success of the delegated allocation authority for highway pavement rehabilitation projects, the Department has requested delegation authority to allocate funds for safety projects.
- 1.9 WHEREAS, on March 31, 2001, the Commission approved a two-year trial period, until March 31, 2003, authorizing the Department to allocate funds for SHOPP projects on State highways for pavement rehabilitation project and safety projects; and**

- 2.1 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission hereby delegates to the Director of Transportation the authority to allocate construction funds to SHOPP projects on State highways for pavement rehabilitation **and safety projects**; and
- 2.2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in keeping with current practice the Department may allocate up to 120 percent of the programmed construction amount; and
- 2.3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in keeping with current practice the Department shall bring forward for Commission consideration any pavement rehabilitation project with a construction allocation greater than 120 percent of the programmed amount; and
- 2.4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department shall bring forward for Commission allocation all pavement rehabilitation projects **and safety projects** amended into the SHOPP by Department action; and
- ~~2.5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this delegation of allocation authority is hereby extended to include highway safety projects; and~~
- 2.65 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this delegation of allocation authority is authorized for ~~a two-year period and, therefore, expires on March 31, 2003;~~ and **an indefinite period of time and that the delegation authority be made permanent; and**
- 2.76 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department shall provide the Commission with a monthly report on allocations made under this delegation.